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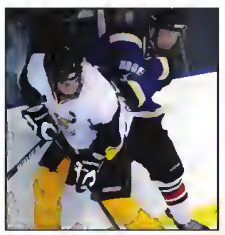

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Christmas in Crystal Beach

Crystal Beach Beautification Committee members Carl Uloth, left, and Winnie Swalm with Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area (CBIA) members Gord Maljkovic, owner of Sneaker's Beach Tavern and Phil Smith, owner of South Coast Cookhouse (SCC) getting ready for two upcoming events. Tonight, the Wine and Music Shuffle will be taking place from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at SCC, Sneaker's, the Crystal Chandelier and the Paddy Wagon. Next Saturday, the Crystal Beach Open House Walking Tour will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with free samples and giveaways from participating businesses.

A tough time

Family copes with death and robbery on same day

Kris Dubé
The Times

Losing a loved one is always a difficult time to go through, especially when the family comes home to find out they have been robbed.

On Nov. 18, the family of Beverley Barnhart gathered at the Douglas Memorial Hospital (DMH) as her battle with cancer came to an end and she passed away in the early hours of Nov. 19.

When her granddaughter Korie Lo Stracco returned to her house, that sits on the property adjacent to her grandparents' residence, she noticed that the door to one of their barns was left open, but didn't think much about it at first and assumed her husband forgot to close it or that the wind blew it open.

Upon further investigation, it was realized that the barn had been broken into and that an estimated $5,000 worth of tools had been lifted from the property.

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Light of their lives

On Monday, friends and family of Cindy McCooey gathered for the second annual tree lighting in her honour at Queen's Circle in Crystal Beach. Her son Ian, mother Dianne Nowicki and brother Butch were just a few of the many people in attendance. McCooey passed away from cancer in 2009. Ian also wished to thank his friend Matt Eberle for constructing a memorial plaque that sits at the base of the tree.

Family believes culprit 'knew the situation'

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Some of the items include a generator, a compressor, a compound saw and a number of other tools, mostly used for carpentry. What makes it even worse, is that Beverley's husband Ken had been confined to a hospital bed in Welland but was able to visit his wife in the hospital and say goodbye before she passed. Little did he know that someone was rummaging through his valuable items at home and helping themselves to them.

"It has to be someone who knew the situation," said Lo Stracco, who also pointed out that her husband's tires had been slashed in the DMH parking lot.

Beverley's daughter Lorna, is sickened by this cruel and senseless act and hopes those responsible will realize how thoughtless their actions are.

> **"While he was spending his last moments with her, he was being robbed. It's disgusting."**
>
> *— Korie Lo Stracco*

"I can't believe someone would do this while they knew we were at the hospital," she said.

"We just want whoever did this to think about what they've done," she added.

Lo Stracco said her heart goes out to her grandfather during this rough time and wouldn't wish this situation upon anyone. He was able to build up enough energy to travel to Fort Erie from the Welland County General Hospital where he was staying at the time to say farewell to his wife and at the same time was being stripped of possessions he worked hard to purchase.

"While he was spending his last moments with her, he was being robbed. It's disgusting," said Lo Stracco.

She also said her grandfather is one of the kindest people she knows and that often would lend some of his equipment to people who needed something for a weekend project around the house.

"If you needed to borrow anything from him, he would let you," she said.

The Niagara Regional Police told the *Times*, that an ongoing investigation is being conducted on this matter.

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Birds of Niagara
Wed. Dec. 8, Centennial branch, 7 p.m., $2
John Black, co-author of the beautiful new book Birds of Niagara, will be presenting the book and talking about its creation. This will be interesting to bird-watchers, photographers and others.

Movie: Babies
A special third Thursday film for the holidays. This movie will be a delight for all ages. Thurs. Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m., $2, Centennial branch

Noyes didn't wear button at meeting

Ann-Marie Noyes has concerns with a column in the Nov. 27 issue written by Times editor Kris Dubé.

In the editorial piece, he referred to the Nov.23 Progressive Conservative Niagara riding nomination meeting and accused mayoral candidate Ann-Marie Noyes of wrong doing, for supporting the victorious candidate George Lepp, a resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Noyes attended the event in support of Arlene White, a local resident and executive director of the BiNational Tourism Alliance. Noyes says she has supported White throughout her campaign and made it clear that she did not wear a George Lepp button, something she was accused of doing in the column.

When White did not make it through to the second ballot, it came down to Lepp and Sandy Annunziata, who just wrapped up his first term as a councillor for Ward 1 here in Fort Erie.

"I followed Arlene's direction," she said when asked who she supported after the field was narrowed down to two candidates.

Noyes said she feels White would have been the right candidate to run for MPP in the next provincial election, being conducted in December of next year and it was her intention to support her and her direction.

In the column, Dubé opined that it should be the priority of registered party members, who are from Fort Erie to put their support toward one of the two candidates from the community. Considering PC leader Tim Hudak was born and raised in Fort Erie and said earlier this year that he will re-open the emergency room at Douglas Memorial Hospital if he is elected premier, she feels Fort Erie will be a top priority, regardless of who won the race.

"With Tim as our leader, Fort Erie will never be overlooked," said Noyes.

White said a lot of time and consideration went into choosing who she felt would be the best candidate if she didn't make it through to the second round and in her opinion, it is Lepp.

She agrees with Noyes that supporting someone just because they are from Fort Erie, isn't necessarily the best way to go.

"I want what's best for the whole riding," said White.

Pot and pill bust

Last Friday, detectives from no. 5 district criminal investigations branch and members of the emergency task unit executed a criminal code and controlled drugs and substances act search warrant on an address in Crystal Beach. An amount of marijuana and illegal prescription pills was found within the residence.

Charged with one count of possession for the purpose of trafficking in a schedule two substance and one count of possession of a schedule one substance is a 23-year-old local male.

Also charged with one count of possession of a schedule 2 substance is a 21-year-old local female.

The male is being held for a bail hearing in St. Catharines.

The female was released on an appearance notice to appear in Fort Erie court at a later date.

Beware of fraudsters

The Niagara Regional Police Service are releasing a warning to all businesses in the Niagara Region regarding two suspected "quick change artists" operating in the area.

On Wednesday, two males entered the No Frills located on Thompson Road. They entered the check out with an item costing four dollars and paid for it with a $100 bill. One of the suspects then asked the cashier to change a large sum of small bills into $50 and $100 bills. At the end of this transaction the male then asked for all of the bills to be exchanged for $20 bills.

Once the suspects left the store the cashier realized that more money was returned to the suspects than was exchanged.

At approximately 8 p.m. the same two male suspects attended a Niagara Falls business and paid for a eight dollar item with a $100 bill. The males then initiated the same currency exchange process used at 'No Frills" and again received more money back than was exchanged.

During these interactions the second suspect engaged the cashier in random conversations to further distract attention away from the transactions taking place.

The first suspect is described as a white male in his 40's, scars on face, medium build, six-feet tall, wearing jeans, white shirt, dark jacket and baseball cap. He is also described as having a goatee.

The second suspect is described as a white male in his 30's, skinny build, also six-feet tall, clean shaven, shaggy blond hair, wearing black jeans, a grey T-shirt, dark jacket and a black baseball cap.

Business owners are cautioned to be on the lookout for these males and notify police of any contact, as it is believed that they will continue to target local businesses.

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'Christmas touches everyone,' says COPE manager

Food bank is thankful for the support they see, not only at Christmas, but all year long.

Marc MacDonald
The Times

As the holiday season continues to gain steam, so too does the hope that the generous nature and giving spirit of those in the Greater Fort Erie area continues to shine through.

According to Barb Volzke, manager of Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE), the holidays see an influx on both sides of the operation.

"Historically, December has always been a busier time of month," she said. "It's not only the needs that grow but the giving as well - Christmas seems to touch everyone."

And while the holidays do tend to see a spike in donations, there are still 11 months of the year where the food and monetary donations are just as important.

Volzke says that it is important that donations continue to come in throughout the year, noting that it can't be just a Christmas initiative.

However, regardless of when you're able to donate, the simple act of doing so makes a big difference.

"We want everyone to know how appreciative we are of the support," said Volzke. "If everyone who can afford to give a little it amounts to a lot."

That little bit turned into a lot will come in very hand this year as Volzke expects that demands on the local food banks to be on par with year's past, with the likelihood of a greater need far exceeding that of a lesser need.

Items that are always in need are peanut butter, tuna, cereal and things for children's lunches such as juice boxes and granola bars.

COPE also has a freezer and a fridge so if you would like to drop off a fresh food item there is room for storage and no fear it will go bad as Volzke says those items are always back out the door the same day.

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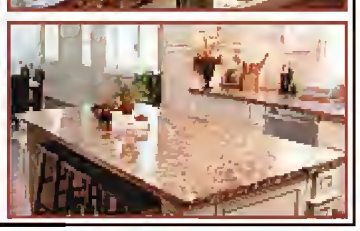

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St. Vincent De Paul prepares for holidays

Mitts, hats and toys all sought to accompany food baskets this holiday season.

Marc MacDonald
The Times

With close to 200 clients, and almost three quarters of them coming in every month, the St. Vincent de Paul food bank at St. George's Church in Crystal Beach could always use your support.

"We have about 140 clients come in every month," said Judy Learn of St. Vincent de Paul. "They come in and get a food voucher and they also get bags of food - the number of bags is based on the size of the family."

With the winter season and the colder weather now here, meals such as hot cereals, soups and pastas are items Learn would love to have an abundance of, allowing to give those warm, savory meals.

With a rise in numbers from the Summer and Fall months, Learn said that on the first day of December they served eight clients, and anticipate a greater number as the month goes on, especially come Dec. 18.

"Everyone gets a Christmas dinner basket," she said of the holiday treat people can pick up starting on the 18th. "Everyone gets a little turkey or a ham and the children get some toys."

Along with the baskets one of the treats that are trying to be provided is ingredients for some Christmas goodies, with cake mixes, candy and recipes being handed out to help make a nice desert.

As always, there are certain staples that there never seem to be enough of, and Learn says that she is happy to see them when they come in or go on sale- peanut butter, canned ham and cereal being amongst those core items.

Learn says that the community has been outstanding in their support with several local churches, business and schools all pitching in with both monetary and food donations.

"They have been amazing," says Learn of all those who have contributed in one way or another.

"It's just so nice to see."

> **"It's just so nice to see."**
> — *Judy Learn*

From left to right: Father Stanley, Jane Kaiser, Marie Higgins, Jessica Chmielewski and Judy Learn gather with a few of the items they have received for St. Vincent de Paul in Crystal Beach, located at St. George's Catholic Church.

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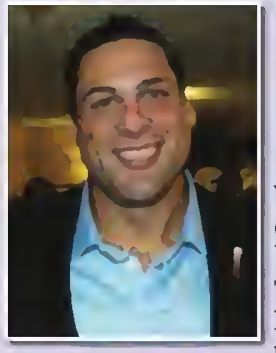

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Your support, encouragement and dedication on November 23 will always be remembered by myself and my family.

To my Nominators Nancy Bertran and Karen Stearne whose commitment to the health and well being of every man, woman and child in our community and abroad personifies our shared vision of healthcare in Niagara, thank you for your kind words.

To our wonderful volunteers who dedicated their time and energy in the weeks and months leading up to the event and on the night of the vote, thank you so much for your hard work.

To the friends and family who didn't have a vote but showed up to cheer us on and lend a hand, thank you for your friendship and love.

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Sandy Annunziata

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our editorial

Holidays don't always mean spending

With December under way it seems like there are a ton of great ways to begin celebrating the holidays - every where you look there's something to do.

For some this can be the greatest news in the world, as they attend event and are very generous with their donations, while for others it might be a little more daunting, as pennies are pinched and few, if any events can actually be attended.

We're not suggesting that budgets be blown up in order to help support local charities and events, that would be irrational and ill advised.

However, it is worth a reminder, we believe, that you can participate and make a difference in the local holiday season regardless of your situation.

Donations, after all, don't just come in the monetary or food variety, they also come in your time.

Sometimes giving up some of your own time can make all the difference in the world.

So, when you're scanning the upcoming events and cringe at the thought of how you can make it all work, just remember, it's the holidays and just enjoying what you can with the ones you can enjoy it with is priceless.

Afterall, isn't that what the holidays are supposed to be about?

-Marc MacDonald

Do You Remember?

One of its past presidents as well as the archivist of the Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary provided us with full identification of last week's photo of the newly installed officers taken Sept. 19, 1966. Thank you Liz Davies, Davina (Deb) Putney, Bev Jewson and Denise D'Entremont who had the original photo. Deb told us that she was "flabbergasted" to open the paper and see the picture of her mother Violet MacKenzie. Thanks as well to Bev Jewson who identified her cousin Carol Newton (Bell). Front row seated from left to right are Isabelle Bell, Millie O'Brien, president Carol Baker Newton, past president and Marguerite Von Zuben. In the back row are Violet MacKenzie, Gertrude Ray, Mrs. M. Lambert, Vivien Lougheed, Sue Shaw and Gertrude Miller.

We also heard from Maggie Chambers (nee Margaret Jane Daly) from Duncan B.C. who was sent the previous week's photo of her father Jack Daly by her sisters and friends.

This week's photo of merry gentleman has the names Bob Sims, Vern Benner and Bob Potts on the back. If you can provide any more information about this photo, please call the Museum at (905) 895-5322 or send an e-mail to museum@forterie.on.ca.

Editor admits he crossed a line last week

Kris Dubé
The Times

To say I received feedback on last week's editor's notebook would be the biggest understatement I've made in my life.

In the Nov. 27 issue of the Times, I wrote an editorial about occurrences I was told took place at the Niagara PC nomination meeting, where two candidates from Fort Erie were running against someone from Niagara-on-the-Lake for the opportunity to represent the party in the next provincial election.

I wrote that anyone who was there from Fort Erie should have made voting for one of the two local candidates a priority, an opinion I am entitled to have. Although, that's what democracy is all about… people should vote for whoever they feel is the best candidate even if they don't believe someone from their hometown is the best choice.

The focus of the editorial was on Ann-Marie Noyes and who she supported. I claimed that she was wearing a George Lepp button, but I have since learned this was not the case.

I also didn't call her and ask her about it, something I admit I should have done especially since I publicly criticized her in Fort Erie's most read newspaper without any solid verification.

Noyes was there initially in support of Arlene White, someone who I also feel would do a great job representing the party. When White didn't make it through to the second round of voting, those in attendance were left with the victor Lepp and Sandy Annunziata.

White told me she suggested Lepp as the right choice to her supporters after this and Noyes told me she "followed Arlene's direction."

So, I am not retracting that statement because it is a proven fact, but I feel I should apologize to Noyes for saying she was wearing a button, when she wasn't.

As I mentioned last week, I don't know anything about George Lepp other than he lives in Niagara-on-the-Lake. After speaking with White, she explained that she put a lot of thought into who she would endorse and that is something she is entitled to do.

Plus, the obvious thing I should have mentioned is that Tim Hudak is from Fort Erie, who is the Ontario PC leader. Having him in charge of the province, if elected, will likely provide benefits to our town. Afterall, he did say he would have the emergency room at Douglas Memorial Hospital re-opened if he is successful.

Noyes has been a councillor for 13 years and has the community in her heart. I admit I should not have made claims, without any evidence, about someone who cares about our town so much and came so close to winning the local mayoral race.

I didn't mean to disrespect anyone, but if I did, hopefully you can forgive me.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email to editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Reader responds to Lockwood's letter from last week

Dear Editor,

I was totally stunned when I read the letter to the editor written by Martha Lockwood in the Nov. 27 edition of the *Times*.

Ms. Lockwood's letter made condemning remarks about the group, The Yellow Shirt Brigade. They are nothing but a group of ordinary citizens who have been working hard the past few years trying to save our hospital. While the entire town was in an uproar when the ER closure was first announced, very few people have continued to put in the time and energy that this group has into saving our hospital. The Yellow Shirt Brigade continues to spend countless hours on saving Douglas Memorial for all of the citizens of Fort Erie. I would like to say a big thank you to all of these caring and devoted individuals for continuing this fight.

As far as the Yellow Shirt Brigade being responsible for the loss of our hospital, how ridiculous! I feel that it has more to do with the failure of politicians such as Lockwood who were more concerned with giving away public land to developers than ensuring hospital services for average citizens.

Furthermore, I find it reprehensible that individuals are being persecuted publicly for voting one way or another. Canada is a democracy and as such all citizens have the right to vote as they wish. Perhaps some believe that a local politician will be more effective than one that does not live in town, however, that is their opinion.

To condemn others because they do not agree is not only disgusting, but also unconstitutional.

Brigitte Bonner
Ridgeway

The TIMES Asks

Why is it important to support local charities, especially during the holiday season?

Paula Teal

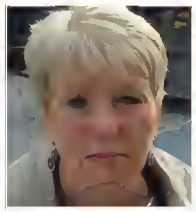
"There are a lot of people who need the help – Christmas is a very tough time for everyone."

Diana Collier

"There are a lot of people who are too proud to ask for help, so supporting the places they can go for help if they choose to is important."

John Hill

"Charities are very important to the community and provide a valuable service."



Linda Smith

"It's important to support charities all year long – it's important to help give in your community."

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Stop pointing fingers and move our town forward

Dear Editor,

When the *Fort Erie Times* chose to point the finger at it's residents for voting for a Niagara- on-the- Lake candidate over a Fort Erie one, did it consider the fact that many of us migrated here from around the region?

I myself have lived in St Catharines, Niagara-on- the- Lake and Jordan and knew many other people in political circles.

I still actively input on issues there that effect the public.

It is no surprise to me at all that some residents of Fort Erie know and support candidates from outside our borders.

Before insisting on home grown support remember how Tim Hudak who was Fort Erie raised, pulled up stakes and left town as soon as he found out his riding had changed and he had nothing left to gain here.

My calls and emails were suddenly not returned by Tim's office but Kim Craitor however was right on top of things in Fort Erie.

He was not a Fort Erie native and he was not an elected representative of this riding yet, but he chose to address our issues in Tim Hudak's absence.

I doubt Sandy Annunziata would ever bail on us but my point is homegrown means little to anyone in politics.

The people who voted for Lepp had something in common with the Annunziata supporters. They were voting for the same team.

Yes, they were all voting for the Conservative party and they all paid to do so through membership to the party and they were all partaking beyond the average Joe in their civic duties by being there and making a choice.

Like the municipal election, no one should be scrutinized for their choice of candidate, especially when so few voted or even know the issues that effect us all.

If this town is ever going to grow we need to stop pointing fingers at each other and start extending handshakes. Put the shoe on the other foot before casting stones. Would Sandy have chosen a Noyes button over a Lepp button?

Hopefully he'll support Lepp throughout his term as they are both PC members and should be striving for the same thing.

Thank you Sandy Annunziata for caring enough about us to run for party leadership and thank you Noyes, Thibert, Berry, Martin, Brunton, White, etc for caring enough to rally and vote. Sorry Kim Craitor should all these individuals join forces to get this new PC candidate elected.

If this community's leaders can't put their little civil war aside and work with the 75 per cent or more of our community who can't even be bothered to vote then how can this community ever move forward?

Perhaps we'll get some royalties when they turn our story into a TV show.

Dan Andrews
Fort Erie

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For detailed information, there is an Information Sheet for each of the boards and committees and relevant by-laws available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca by clicking on the "Boards and Committees Banner".

The appointments are for a four (4) year term commencing February 1st, 2011. The boards and committees meet on a regular basis, usually once per month. All members to the boards and committees act voluntarily except members of the Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee.

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To prepare an Accessibility Plan for all municipal properties, facilities and services as regulations prescribe for Council approval.

(2) **BRIDGEBURG STATION DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT** – Six (6) directors selected by a vote of the membership of the B.I.A.. A maximum of 20% of the Board may be non-members of the B.I.A., provided they are nominated by a member of the B.I.A., and one (1) Member of Council.
To improve, beautify and maintain municipally-owned lands, buildings and structures in the Bridgeburg Station Downtown B.I.A.; promote the area as a business or shopping area and maintain streetscape capital.

(3) **CRYSTAL BEACH IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT** – Six (8) directors selected by a vote of the membership of the B.I.A.. A maximum of 20% of the Board may be non-members of the B.I.A., provided they are nominated by a member of the B.I.A., and one (1) Member of Council.
To improve, beautify and maintain municipally-owned lands, buildings and structures in the Crystal Beach B.I.A.; promote the area as a business or shopping area and maintain streetscape capital.
Crystal Beach B.I.A. Annual General Meeting to be held Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

(4) **RIDGEWAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT** – Six (6) directors selected by a vote of the membership of the B.I.A. A maximum of 20% of the Board may be non-members of the B.I.A., provided they are nominated by a member of the B.I.A., and one (1) Member of Council.
To improve, beautify and maintain municipally-owned lands, buildings and structures in the Ridgeway B.I.A.; promote the area as a business or shopping area and maintain streetscape capital.

(5) **COMMUNITY GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF FORT ERIE** – Eight (8) citizen appointees and one (1) Member of Council.
To administer the Gaming Policy of the Town of Fort Erie and to provide gaming advice to Council. Good representation from cross-section of the public with a variety of required skill sets.

(6) **COMMUNITIES-IN-BLOOM COMMITTEE** – Eleven (11) citizen appointees, one (1) staff member and one (1) Member of Council.
To implement various programs, initiatives, events, promotional and education activities that encourage community participation in the program.

(7) **FORT ERIE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Six (6) residents from the Fort Erie community, including at least one person with a disability; one (1) Fort Erie student representative attending a secondary institution; one (1) Fort Erie student representative attending a post secondary institution.
To provide a committee for residents, elected officials and health professionals to meet on a monthly basis for the purpose of improving conditions for people powered transportation (walking, biking, rollerblading) for utilitarian and recreational purposes.

(8) **FORT ERIE CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Six (6) citizen appointees and one (1) Member of Council.
To provide advice and/or recommendations regarding the operation, care and control of the Town-owned cemeteries and mausoleum.

(9) **FORT ERIE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Eight (8) citizen appointees and one (1) Member of Council.
To advise and assist the Community and Development Services Department and Council with the management and conservation of the natural environment in Fort Erie.

(10) **MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Minimum Eleven (11), maximum of Nineteen (19) youth ages 13-21 and the Mayor.
To plan and advise Council on youth related issues. ***Interested applicants are requested to contact Ben McDermott at the YMCA directly to obtain an application: Telephone: 905-871-9622 ext. 233 or email: bmcdermott@ymcaofniagara.ca***

(11) **MUSEUM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE** – Minimum Seven (7), maximum of Eleven (11) citizen appointees and one (1) Member of Council.
To promote awareness of Fort Erie's cultural heritage within and outside the boundaries of the Town focusing on Museum Services and Built Heritage. This committee will be comprised of two sub-committees as follows: (1) to manage and operate the Town's museum facilities; and (2) to advise Council with respect to matters relating to the conservation of built heritage. (Museum Board, Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and Point Abino Lighthouse Advisory Committee recently merged to form this new Committee).

(12) **PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE** – Five (5) citizen appointees.
The Property Standards By-law regulates standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property and for prohibiting the occupancy or use of property that does not conform to the standards.
To hear appeals under the Property Standards By-law of the Town of Fort Erie.

(13) **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Seventeen (17) citizen appointees comprised of two (2) representatives from the membership; one (1) representative from Harmony Hill; two (2) representatives from Italo-Canadian Seniors Club; two (2) representatives from 96'ers for the period ending with the 2014 term; one (1) representative from Dandi-Lions; one (1) representative from Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 71; three (3) representatives from Black Creek Leisure Homes Seniors Group; one (1) representative from Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre Seniors, four (4) community representatives at large and one (1) Member of Council.
To establish a mechanism to fairly and equitably distribute financial assistance provided by the Town of Fort Erie to "Assist the Aged", to determine the need for increased senior citizen services and to assist in establishing mechanisms to adopt recommendations.

Applications must be completed on the form available on the Town's website ***www.forterie.on.ca*** under Public Notices – Appointment to Boards and Committees or available in the Clerk's Office. Please state clearly your name, address, postal code, telephone number, email address, choice of board and committee for consideration of appointment thereto and any other relevant background information, including experience and credentials, **will be received by the undersigned up to and including Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.**

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees.

Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk
Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6
Applications can also be Emailed to ckett@forterie.on.ca.

(2)

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Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011.

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.**

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Jack Cox).

(3)

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Want to know more? Visit www.town.forterie.on.ca under Employment Opportunities. The deadline for receiving applications is **4:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2010.**

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EB-2010-0070

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING FOR AN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE CHANGE

CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC. – FORT ERIE

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. - Fort Erie ("CNPI - FE") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 8, 2010 under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 199B, c.15 (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that CNPI - FE charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011. The application was filed under the Board's guidelines for 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation, which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates between cost of service applications. The Board has assigned the application File No. EB-2010-0070. The Board's decision on this application may have an effect on all of CNPI - FE's customers.

Any change to CNPI - FE's distribution rates will cause CNPI - FE's delivery charges to change. Delivery charges are one of four regular items on residential and general service customers' electric bills and vary depending on the amount of electricity consumed.

CNPI - FE indicates that if the application is approved as filed, residential customers consuming 800 kWh per month would experience an approximate 3.6% increase in their current delivery charges. This is a $1.66 per month increase on their total bill. General Service customers consuming 2,000 kWh per month and having a monthly demand of less than 50 kW would experience an approximate 2.7% increase in their current delivery charges. This is a $2.73 per month increase on their total bill.

The proposed changes to the delivery component of the bill are separate from other potential changes to the electricity bills, which could include changes to the electricity component and other charges included on the bill. This application deals only with the potential change in the delivery component of the bill that may result from changes in the delivery rates.

How to see CNPI - FE's Application

Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Board's office in Toronto and on its website, www.oeb.gov.on.ca/OEB/Industry , and at CNPI - FE's office and may be on its website.

Written Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with this matter by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the applicant no later than **December 20, 2010.**

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of two ways:

1. Become an Intervenor

Intervenors participate actively in the proceeding (i.e., submit written questions, evidence, and arguments, and cross-examine witnesses at an oral hearing).

A request for intervenor status must be made by letter of intervention and be received by the Board no later than **December 20, 2010.** A letter of intervention must include: (a) a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding; (b) if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership; and (c) whether you intend to seek an award of costs and the grounds for your cost award eligibility. The Board may order costs in this proceeding only in relation to CNPI - FE's proposal for revenue-to-cost-ratio adjustments.

You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to CNPI - FE.

Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which means that all filings will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below.

If you do not have a user ID, visit the Board's website under e-Filing Services and complete a user ID/password request form. For instructions on how to submit documents and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca/OEB/Industry, e-Filing Services.

The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below, and again, two additional paper copies are required. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

Interrogatories and Submissions

Board-approved intervenors or Board staff wishing information and material from CNPI - FE that is in addition to the evidence filed with the Board and that is relevant to the hearing shall request it by written interrogatories filed with the Board and delivered to CNPI - FE on or before **December 22, 2010.** CNPI - FE shall file with the Board complete responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to all intervenors no later than **January 10, 2011.**

Written submissions by an intervenor or Board staff must be filed with the Board, and copied to all other parties, by **January 27, 2011.** If CNPI - FE wishes to respond to the submissions, its written response must be filed with the Board and delivered to all other parties by **February 18, 2011**.

2. Send a Letter with your Comments to the Board

If you wish to comment on the proceeding without becoming an intervenor, you may submit a letter of comment to the Board Secretary.

All letters of comment sent to the Board will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website. Before placing the letter of comment on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter of comment will become part of the public record.

A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicant and the Hearing Panel.

Your letter of comment must be received by the Board no later than **December 20, 2010**. The Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail at the addresses below.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this notice, please reference Board file number EB-2010-0070 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca/OEB/Industry or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING A LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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27th Floor
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4P 1E4
Attention: Board Secretary
Filings: www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca
E-mail: boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca
Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll free)
Fax: 416-440-7656

The Applicant:

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. – Fort Erie
1130 Bertie St.
P.O. Box 1218
Fort Erie, ON L2A 5Y2
Attention: Mr. Douglas Bradbury

E-mail: doug.bradbury@cnpower.com
Tel: (905) 994-3634
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Politicians seeking assistance for Anzovino family

Craitor and Horwath feel legal representation at inquest should be covered by government

Kris Dubé
The Times

Although an official date has not been set for the inquest into the death of Reilly Anzovino, provincial politicians are looking for ways to at least reduce costs for the family.

Last week, Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath said at Queen's Park that the Liberal government should find a way to provide financial assistance for legal representation at the inquest when it is conducted.

She said not only does the family deserve answers, as to whether her death in late December of 2009 is at all due to closures of emergency rooms in Port Colborne and Fort Erie, but that there is a "public interest" in the matter.

"Reilly Anzovino's death was tragic and many questions remain about the contributing circumstances and how they may affect other similar situations," she said in a press release.

The inquest was called by Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor about a week after the incident. He agrees the family should be allowed financial relief and that the government should "make an exception" for this case because other parties that will be involved such as the Fort Erie Fire Department and Niagara Emergency Medical Services will be able to cover their costs differently.

"We're paying for those organizations' representation with taxpayers' money, so why can't the (Anzovino family) receive equal treatment?"

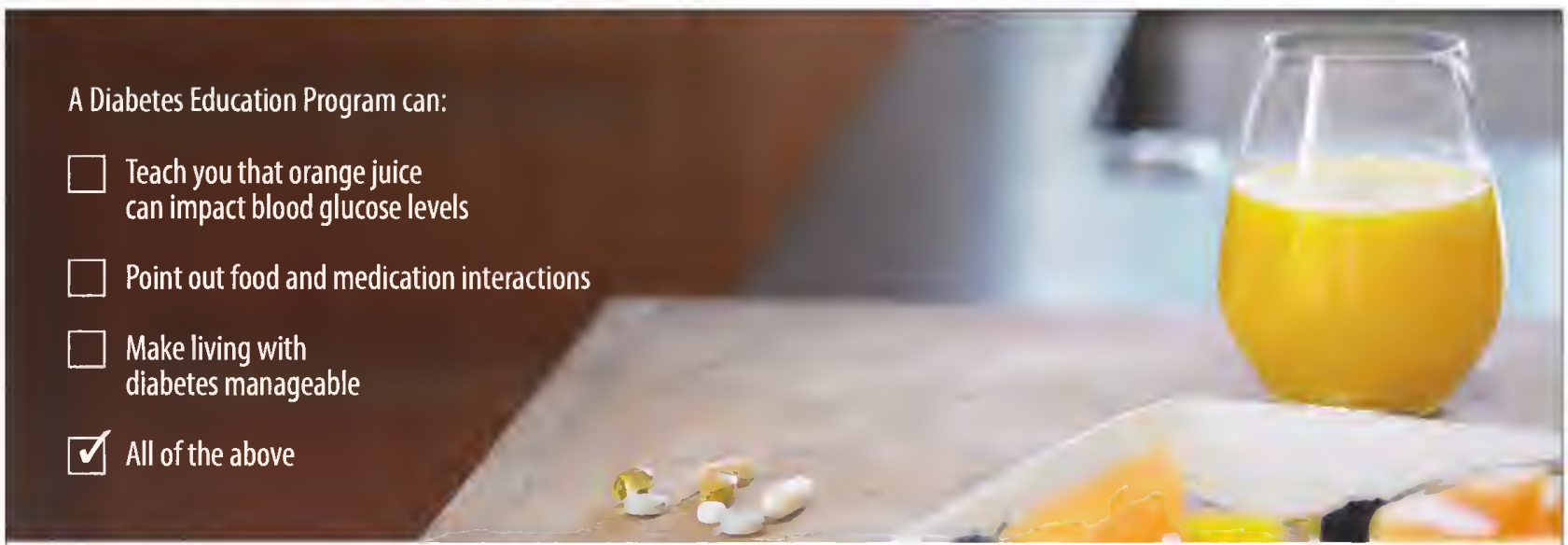
Craitor said he is hoping to be successful with moving this forward at the province and estimates an expense of around $40,000.

"That's a figure that was given to me as a possible cost," said Craitor.

The vehicle the 18-year-old was travelling in on Hwy. 3 on Boxing Day collided with another vehicle after hitting an icy patch on the road.

She passed away in an ambulance on its way to the Welland County General Hospital.

An inquest will be conducted by Ontario's chief coroner, but no date has been set.



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Community Living thrilled with support

Marc MacDonald
The Times

Community Living Fort Erie is certainly feeling the love this holiday season, as their annual fundraiser was sold out over a month in advance of the event.

The organization, which promotes inclusion and ensures people with intellectual challenges have their rights and privileges upheld, has seen a tremendous amount support throughout the years, having sold out each every year to date and this year was no different.

"It's been so wonderful - the community is just wonderful to us every year," said Margaret Fidler, manager of community development at Community Living. "It's so great to be a part of a community like this one and it just seems like everyone always keeps giving - it's amazing."

This year's fundraiser, which will feature the performance "The Holidays are Murder this Year" is slightly different than in year's past, as those who take the stage will be a mixture of the clients Community Living supports and local actors from the area.

"The cast will be made up of some of the finest actors in the Peninsula, including a few well-known ones from past fundraising performances," said Community Living executive director Maureen Brown in a press release.

The interaction between the actors and those that Community Living support has been tremendous, says Fidler, as friendships have been developed and discussion about all facets of life have taken place.

Funds raised from this event will be divided up between enhancing supports and services that Community Living already provides as well as taking a percentage going directly to people the organization supports.

The money that will be given to various people will be designated for applications to an Inclusive Opportunities grant says Fidler, something that will help the circle of giving stay unbroken.

"[The grants] are the things that lead to connecting people in the community," said Fidler. "For example, if one of the people we support is able to secure a grant to help pay for piano lessons they could go to a senior's home and play piano and give back."

The fundraiser, which takes place on the evening of Dec. 4 is much anticipated and is expected to a night to remember.

Renovations complete

Karl Hammond, owner of the newly renovated Hammond-Davidson Funeral Home of Fort Erie receives congratulations from mayor Doug Martin and member of provincial parliament Kim Craitor recently at the open house held in recognition of the many changes made to the funeral home.

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Breaking down stigma on World Aids Day

John Fulton, AIDS Niagara executive director Steve Byers and Kathy Pratt, a Western New York woman who is HIV positive and others along the shore of Lake Erie after an event at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre for World AIDS Day.

Kris Dubé
The Times

There is a "stigma" associated with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and a Niagara-based organization is doing its best to make that a thing of the past.

On Wednesday, members of AIDS Niagara held its annual event at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, to raise awareness about the challenges people everywhere are faced with when living with this disease.

"We want the government to understand the plight of the world and not just individual nations," said AIDS Niagara executive director Steve Byers who has been involved with the organization since the 1990s, who pointed out that almost 30 per cent of people living with AIDS, are not aware they have the condition.

John Fulton, a Fort Erie native who also makes headlines with his annual Surfing Santa adventure, has partnered with AIDS Niagara to promote awareness and assist with lobbying the government on both sides of the border to re-examine its legislation.

> **"It's amazing how many kids think they can't contract it and don't talk about it."**
>
> *— Kathy Pratt*

He, along with other branches of AIDS awareness groups in petitioning top government officials to exercise legislation that was created under the Chretien legislation.

"It's never really been used," he said.

He said it is an attempt to get the federal government to change how accessible pharmaceutical products are for people in developing countries, where they are most needed.

"There are so many countries that don't have the domestic capacity to produce them on their own," said Fulton, before heading to the shore of Lake Erie, where he released and eventually retrieved a barrel as a way to promote the day and its importance.

Kathy Pratt learned she was HIV positive almost 30 years ago when she was 19 years old.

She said back in that time it was considered a "death sentence" but with a bright outlook on life, she has been able to live with the condition for so long and carry on as usual.

She was a guest speaker at the event and one of the messages she provided is that younger generations need to know about it more than it appears they do.

"It's amazing how many kids think you can't contract it and don't talk about it," she said.

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by Alaina Hillier, M Cl Sc
Registered by CASLTO
Audiologist

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More arrests at Peace Bridge

Truck driver conceals hashish and marijuana in load of cantoloupe

Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) officers at the Peace Bridge made two major seizures lat week.

On Nov. 25, officers were conducting a secondary inspection in a vehicle when they discovered more than 20 pieces of identification in various names concealed in the engine area.

Further investigation conducted by the CBSA revealed that one of the two Quebec residents in the car were subject of an arrest warrant for fraud in his home province.

The Niagara Regional Police were contacted and charged two men with possession of identity documents and possession of property obtained by crime.

One of the men was also charged with failure to comply with a recognizance.

The next day, on Nov. 26, CBSA officers at the local border crossing seized approximately 29 kilos of hashish and marijuana with an estimated street value of $589,000 when thirteen bundles of the narcotics were discovered in the trailer of a commercial vehicle carrying a load of cantaloupe.

A 37-year-old male from Scarborough has been charged by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with importing cannabis marijuana and hashish contrary to the controlled drugs and substances act.

This is the second major drug seizure in less than a week at the Peace Bridge, as officers located over 46 kilos of marijuana on Nov. 19, with a street value of $936, 366.

Rockin' with pasta

Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School music students Chuqiao Huanh, back left, Jansen Coombs, Ashley Teal, teacher Shannon Smith, Olivia McKenzie and Chelsea Robinson with Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen life member Craig Miner, front left, president Marc Zucarelli and life member Tim Haggerty at a pasta night held at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 230 on Tuesday. Incoming executive members for the club that are absent from this photo are Derrick McGuigan, Nick Strugar, Bob Harting and Lloyd McGuigan.

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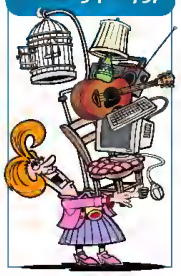

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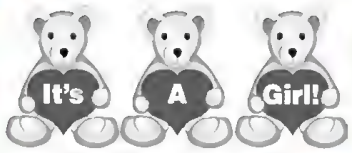

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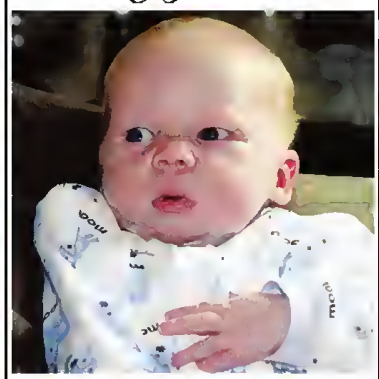

Collings (nee Suess)

Justin and Sheila are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first son, and newest Leafs fan, **Noah Charles Collings.** Noah was born on November 6th weighing 8 lbs / 15 oz. Noah is the 4th grandchild for Barb and Danny Suess and the 1st grandchild for Pam Collings (Ron Roberge), and Lorne and Kelly Collings. Excited aunts and uncles are Tammy Suess (Dave Habel), and Joe, James and Blair Collings. Also excited about his arrival are cousins Kevin, Mikayla, Jordan and Kaitlyn, as well as great grandparents Ken and Theresa Suess and Chuck and Joan Schooley. A special thank you to Daddy for all of his love and support.

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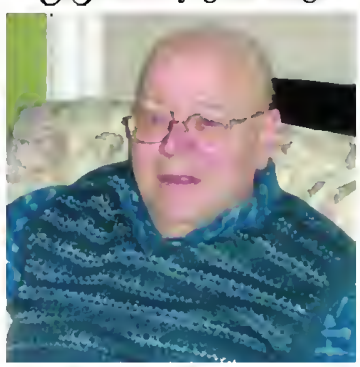

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Deaths

CZEREVKO, Jaroslaus Zenobius MD - Suddenly at the Gilmore Lodge on December 2nd, 2010 at Gilmore Lodge in his 90th year. Beloved husband of the late Edith. Sadly missed by several nephews, cousins and friends. Dr. Czerevko had family medical practices in Virgil for 16 years and later in Fort Erie for 19 years, retiring in 1991. Funeral Services will be held in the **BENNER FUNERAL CHAPEL** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie on Saturday Dec. 4th at 11:30. Cremation will follow. If so desired, donations to St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Niagara Falls would be appreciated.

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DRIVER, Beverly Ann - Beverly passed away, surrounded by the presence and love of her family and friends at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday November 26th, 2010 in her 71st year. Beloved wife of the Late Jim. Loving mother of Patrick (Cathy) Driver and Cheryl (Ted) Dupont. Proud grandmother of Ryan, Caitlin, Nicole and Danielle. Sadly missed by her brothers Terry (Lois) Teal and Bill Teal. Predeceased by her granddaughter Taylore Ann, parents Victor and Edna Teal and her sister Marilynn Mazzarini. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Monday from 2-4 & 7-9 pm. Funeral Services was held at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Rite of committal to followed in Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Children's Make a Wish Foundation would be appreciated by the family. On line condolences and donation links at www.bennerfuneralservices.com

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MAWSON, Walter - Surrounded by his family, Walter passed away at home on Sunday November 28th, 2010 in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Anna. Proud father of Patrick (Wendy Anderson) Mawson. Cherished grandfather of Darrin Anderson, Autumn (Paul) Robinson and Michael (Morgan) Mawson and great granddaughters Madison and Jordana Mawson. Sadly missed by his sister Gladys Leach, many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. Predeceased by his sons Danny and Terry Mawson, his brothers Edward, Harry, Arthur and sisters May Climenhage and Tilly Midgley. Cremation has taken place. Graveside interment services will take place at a later date. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements.

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Deaths

PASSERO, Frank Jr - It is with great sadness that the family of well known thoroughbred horse trainer Frank Passero Jr., announce his passing at the York Central Hospital on Tuesday, November 30, 2010. Loving husband of Sharon. Proud father of Dale Passero, Dawn Passero, Debbie Passero, Lisa (Bob) Fletcher, Gino (Kim) Passero and Dana (Joshua) Passero. Also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Predeceased by his son Tony and his brother Ralph. Based primarily in his hometown of Fort Erie and Woodbine, he is may be best known for his remarkable accomplishment of winning a world-record 14 consecutive races at Gulfstream Park in Florida in 1996. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday morning at 11:30 at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Central Ave. Fort Erie. Interment to follow in Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Longrun Thoroughbred Retirement Society would be appreciated by the family. More information and Donation link at www.bennerfuneralservices.com

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SLOAT, Charles Roger - At Douglas Memorial Hospital on Saturday November 27th after a long courageous battle with illnesses, his wife Sandra of 50 years, best friend and family at his side, Roger peacefully passed away. Much loved father of Ken (Helena), Martin (Jennifer). Loving and proud papa to Megan, Emma, Mclean, Roger and Amanda. Survived by his sister Sheila of Edmonton and brother Neil (Barb) of Buffalo. Thank-you to all good friends and family for your help and support especially Bucky, Gail and Eleanor and Leroy. A very special thank-you to Dr. Scher, wonderful friend and Nurse Elizabeth and all the nursing staff at D.M.H. for their great care and compassion. Friends called at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME** 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway from 2-4 and 7-9 Monday. Funeral services were conducted in the chapel on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Cremation followed. Donations in memory of Roger would be appreciated to the Canadian Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Society or the Canadian Diabetes Association. On-line guest register at: www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

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TOKOS, David - On November 30, 2010 after a hard fought battle with a relentless disease, David in his 77th year accepted his physical defeat peacefully in the company of his loved ones. David will be forever remembered and loved by his wife and best friend of 56 years Phyllis. David was a loving, devoted father and friend to his four great children, his daughters Debra (David Beveridge) and Nicki (John Maguire), and his sons John & Steve (Lisa). A beloved Grandpa to Laurence, McKenzie, Madison, Matthew and Nolan. He will be sadly missed by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Norma and Charlie Simigian, his sister-in-law Edna Forde, sister Milly, several nieces and nephews and many great friends. A special thank you to David's Angels (Michelle, Rita, Bernice, Cheryl, Maureen and Rose), the nurses at Outpatient Hemotology at Juravinski Hospital, and our sincere heartfelt gratitude to Dr Ronan Foley for his support and care over the past savaral yaars. At David's requast cramation has takan place and a privata family servica will ba hald at a latar data. In liau of flowars, donations to Juravinski Cancar Cantra would ba graatly appraciatad. Arrangamants antrustad to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES** 905-894-0120.
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Still missed and lovingly remembered
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Eric Wood
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Son, grandson, nephew and cousin.
Another year has come and gone
And yet you still are near,
We see you smile and hear you laugh
And wish that you were here.
Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same,
We have to hide our heartache
When someone speaks you name.
The special years will not return
When we were all together,
But with the love within our hearts
You will walk with us forever.
Missing you is a haartacha
that navar goes away. Wa miss you Eric.
Gram and all your family.
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Connie M. Thomson
who laft us on Decembar 9, 2009
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And lost a long tha way;
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Burns here today.
For the laughter, smiles
And memories remain;
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Today her blessings flicker and soar.
With all our love
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High school teams hit the ice

Kris Dubé
The Times

It was hockey day in Ridgeway on Tuesday and Wednesday this week,

An annual tournament hosted by Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School (RCBHS) at the Crystal Ridge Arena brought a handful of boys hockey teams teams from schools in the District School Board of Niagara into town, hitting the ice for some fast-paced competition.

Both local high school RCBHS and Fort Erie Secondary School competed and RCBHS even made it to the final game, narrowly losing to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School by a score of 3-2.

Head coach Richard MacKinnon said he is proud of his team's performance, as the tournament is a good warm-up for the rest of the season that plays into March of next year and other tournaments they will be playing in.

"I think we're going to be very strong this year," he said.

"There's a lot of hockey left to be played," he added.

The team's next action is against Port Colborne High School on Dec. 7 and a tournament at York University in Toronto on Dec. 14 and 15.

Head coach of FESS's team is Mike Hebbourn.

Although his squad didn't have as favourable of a showing as RCBHS, he agreed it's all about having fun and allowing the students to play a game they love.

The main obstacle his squad will need to overcome and learn to play with is the fact that their roster consists of many young students, most of whom are in grade nine.

"It's a very young team compared to who we're playing against," said Hebbourn.

Last year, the team had a handful of older players on its bench, but they have since graduated and it is now time for the younger players to adapt to the size and speed of the competition.

"This is going to be a team-building year for us," said Hebbourn.

He did point out there are a few returning players from last season, but they are still only in grade 10.

"They're like the senior guys on the team," he said.

Considering the players on FESS's team come from a much smaller pool compared to teams from high schools in municipalities like St. Catharines, it's tough to keep up with the variety and diversity other schools' teams have at their disposal.

"It's tough when you're playing against places that have 200,000 people, you're obviously going to have more kids that are proficient in the game."

Even though they lost all three games in the tournament, he said it is important for them to hit the ice and have fun while doing it.

"That's exactly what they did," he said.

RCBHS hockey player Justin Krieger in action on Tuesday.

Still one win for Meteors

The Fort Erie Meteors continued to struggle, dropping their last two games by a combined score of 15-5.

The Meteors lost on the road to St. Catharines 9-4 last Friday before coming home on Saturday to take on Stoney Creek.

Stoney Creek handed the home side a thumping, disposing of the one-win home team by a score of 6-1.

Next up for the Meteors will be a home game tonight when they host Welland before going on the road to play Wheatfield on Dec. 7.

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Brick

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Brick

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Bouquet

To people who provide feedback about letters to the editor and columns written by staff at the Times. This is an important part of our paper every week and whether or not you disagree or agree with what was said, it is still appreciated.

Brick

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